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### Saint Mary's Celebrates 44 Days of Black History



Black excellence, history, and achievement are being honored during Saint Mary's third annual 44 Days of Black History Celebration. Held throughout February until March 15, the program's highlights include keynote speaker Melissa Harris-Perry (pictured above); a Feb. 15 Black Convocation, a Black mental health series; Wanda Johnson, mother of Oscar Grant; and more. This year's theme, "Building Community Through Adversity," reflects the African American historical legacy of joining together to resist oppression and bring about change in our society. [Read More](#). Plus, [visit the 44 Days calendar for details on events and activities](#).

## Saint Mary's Recognizes Outstanding Alumni



Saint Mary's College of California's Alumni Association and Athletics Department will honor several deserving Gaels and friends with awards for outstanding service to the SMC community in a ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Soda Center's Moraga Room. Matthew Dellavedova '13 is our Alumnus of the Year. [Learn More](#)

## Health Advisory: Flu Season Is Here

We know that many of you have been traveling for the break or are returning to Saint Mary's from Study Abroad. Follow these [useful tips from the CDC](#) to take care of yourself this winter and help prevent seasonal flu. [Read More](#)



## Celebration of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

This **Thursday, Feb. 13**, marks the inauguration of a new feast in the international Lasallian Family and the official calendar of the Catholic Church. In December 2019, Brother James Miller, FSC, "Hermano Santiago" became the first American De La Salle Brother beatified within the Catholic Church. Brother James was killed on February 13, 1982, in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, because the Brothers' direct service of the indigenous poor had angered those who were in power.



In honor of Blessed Brother James, all members of our community are invited to two events in our Main Chapel:

**4:30 p.m.: A prayer service sharing the story of Blessed James Miller**

**5:15 p.m.: Mass, Memorial of Blessed James Miller, FSC**

Brother Mark McVann, FSC, who knew Blessed Brother James, will be our homilist during this mass. [Read More](#)

## February Is for French Films...and a Feminist Play



### Bienvenue! The French Film Fest Is Here

Join the World Languages and Cultures Department for the Tournées Film Festival, which brings French cinema to American colleges. Saint Mary's will hold free screenings of cutting-edge French films, starting on Feb. 13, with *Memoir of War*, at 7 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. The fest will show five films through March 6.

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### This V-Day: The Play's the Thing

As a reminder to fight violence against women and girls, each year, Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* is performed around the world. Join SMC students and staff for our version on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. Proceeds will be donated to Community Violence Solutions. [Read More](#)

## Dawn Foster-Dodson Tribute Concert on Friday





Beloved cellist and music educator Dawn Foster-Dodson (pictured at left) taught at Saint Mary's College for decades. This tribute concert will feature works by Debussy, Franck, Casals, and John Williams; and performances by S.F. Opera cellist Emil Miland and Performing Arts faculty pianist Sharon Lee Kim. The concert will be held in the Chapel on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. [Read More](#)

## Need Credits? Learn How to Live a Purpose-Driven Life

This new course (SOLA 70-01/.25 credit) is highly interactive and practical. Jump into a process that will help you have more meaning and purpose. Connect to a whole new level of support for the challenges you are facing. Ask some of the big questions that are hard to answer.

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## Saint Mary's Ranks High in Liberal Arts Education



[GradReports](#) rates Saint Mary's at number 15 in its list of the Top 25 Colleges With Bachelor's in Liberal Arts Programs for 2020. The list showcases colleges in order of highest median salary for graduates with a liberal arts major one year after college. [Read More](#)

## Seniors: Sign Up for Commencement

Seniors: You can complete the Undergrad Application for Commencement on GaelXpress. To apply, log into GaelXpress, click on Graduation Application, log in again, and click on Commencement Application. [Read More](#)



## View - Jan Term: May the Force Be With You



In Professor Ellen Rigsby's popular Jan Term class, **Fencing and Swords in History and Popular Culture**, students explored the cultural representations of fencing in the Western tradition and through popular culture. Here, students get training in fight choreography using Star Wars lightsabers.

## This Week on Campus

### Events

- 2/10 - [Auditions for "The School for Lies" Spring Theatre Production](#)
- 2/11 - [Staff Council General Meeting](#)
- 2/11 - [Salsa Night at the 1928 Pub](#)
- 2/12 - [Spring Involvement Fair](#)
- 2/12 - [Care Grams](#)
- 2/12 - [Information Session: Professional MBA – Maximize Your Success](#)
- 2/12 - [V-Day Event: Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues](#)
- 2/13 - [Gallery Talks & Tours: Highlights of Exhibitions](#)
- 2/13 - [Information Session: MS in Accounting](#)
- 2/13 - [Karaoke Night at the 1928 Pub!](#)
- 2/14 - [Meditation in the STEM Center](#)
- 2/14 - [Dawn Foster-Dodson Tribute Concert Featuring SF Opera](#)
- 2/15 - [Distinguished Alumni Awards](#)
- 2/15 - [Men's Rugby vs BYU](#)
- 2/15 - [Gallery Talks & Tours: Highlights of Exhibitions](#)
- 2/16 - [M LAX vs LMU](#)
- 2/17 - [Men's Rugby vs Grand Canyon](#)
- 2/19 - [MFA in Creative Writing Prospective Student Day \(All Genres\)](#)
- 2/19 - [Steve Almond Q&A with Matthew Zapruder](#)
- 2/19 - [Speed Mentoring](#)
- 2/19 - [Life Coach Series: Self Love](#)
- 2/20 - [De-Escalation Training](#)
- 2/20 - [Gallery Talks & Tours: Highlights of Exhibitions](#)
- 2/20 - [SMCMoA Opening Exhibition Reception](#)
- 2/20 - [Resume Workshop](#)
- 2/20 - [One-Stop Job Shop ORIENTATION](#)

[More Events](#) | [Student Organizations Activities](#)

## Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

## De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of February 10.](#)

## Go Gaels



## Women's Basketball | Gaels Upset No. 11 Gonzaga

Saint Mary's women's basketball team posted their biggest victory of the season on Saturday as they upset No. 11 Gonzaga at home. The Gaels dominated on the court as they spent the entire contest leading the Bulldogs while holding them to just 33 percent from the field. [Read More](#)

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

**Let us remember** that we are in the holy presence of God.

Major learning. Minor pretense.

